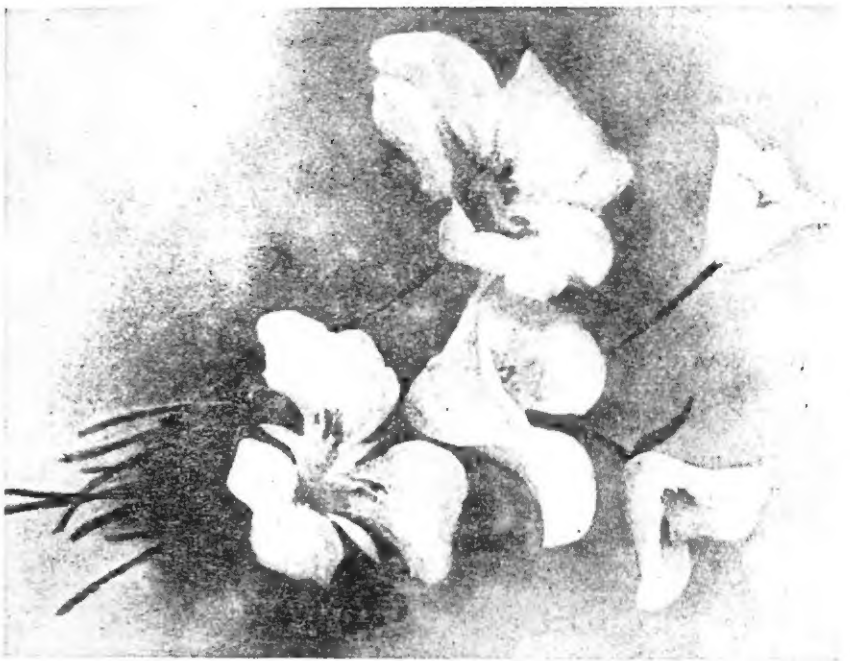


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Utah becomes a state



THE SEGO LILY, UTAH'S STATE FLOWER



FLAG OF THE STATE OF UTAH, 1896



Territorial Seal

Seal of the State of Utah." The present seal of the Territory of Utah shall be the seal of the State until otherwise provided by law."

One notes that the Beehive which had been the center of the Great Seal of the Territory of Utah was incorporated into the Great Seal of the State of Utah. The following letter gives an explanation as to the designing of the Great State Seal.



Utah State Seal



From Picture of Original State Seal—Edwards

Salt Lake City, Utah  
May 11, 1954.

Dear Mrs. Carter:

My father, John Caine Murphy, was born in New Jersey and came with his family to Utah, at a very early date. My grandfather Murphy owned the first sand pits up on the East Bench. As a little boy I remember my grandmother Murphy living in the Eleventh Ward on 9th East and also on 8th East. My father worked for a firm called Clinkner & Woise of San Francisco and they sold stencils, seals and rubber stamps to all the mining camps in the west. My father used to do a lot of traveling. He later established his own shop called J. C. Murphy & Company, which is now the Salt Lake Stamp Company.

When Utah became a State in 1896, my father was approached by Governor Heber M. Wells and asked to design a Seal for the State of Utah. He designed the seal with a beehive, the bees; also, the U. S. flag, arrows, the great eagle and the figures representing the year the pioneers came and the year of Statehood.